

THE NEW FRENCH ARMY BILL.

The French Government succeeded a few days ago in carrying this bill after a most spirited opposition. The measure is somewhat different from the one brought forward last year, and is supposed to be an improvement upon it. It fixes the whole term of service at nine years—five in the active army and four in the reserve—and all the young men in France between 20 and 25 who have not been in the former are to form the national guard. The amount of the effective is left to be fixed by the Chamber, which was not the case in the first scheme. This bill, like the first, only allows the men to marry after the five years of active service and two in the reserve, but the committee, to which it was in the usual course referred, desired to permit marriage at the close of the first year in the reserve. The Government wanted to split the difference and make it eight months, but the committee held good, and the Chamber will have to decide. Another modification of the first plan is, that substitutions are now proposed to be allowed both in the army and national guard; but the bill may be briefly described, and accurately too, as one to increase the term of service from seven years to nine. The probability is that the Chamber will adopt the bill as it stands, and then the Emperor will have the command of 1,200,000 well-trained and well-armed soldiers. While preparations are thus in progress to get the men, the material is not neglected. Nearly the whole army is now armed with the Chassepot—that wonder working weapon. All the garrisons of the east and north east are strengthened, and the strong places of Strasburg, Lille, and Dunkirk are immediately to be armed. In the course of a few weeks some 3000 guns of large calibre and long range will be in position in those fortresses, and in this way peace may be maintained by preparing for war.

THE DEFENDERS OF THE POPE.

Writing on the 13th ult., the Roman correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* says:—We are still told that the French will again garrison Rome. At present they are concentrating on Civita Vecchia, where they have formed three camps under General de Failly, and are being joined by the Bataille division which occupied Viterbo, but has now evacuated that town. The members of the French Embassy acknowledged that for the moment all hope of assembling the Conference is lost. On the other hand, the Roman officials allege that the Emperor Napoleon proposes to free himself from the embarrassment of the intervention by maintaining the occupation of the Pontifical States in conjunction with the other Catholic Powers, and Spain is said to have already accepted the plan and offered a contingent. Meanwhile, authorities are pushing on the fortifications of the Eternal City, the principal works being raised on the Aventine, on Monte Mario, and Monte Testaccio, and at Porta San Pancrasio. Most of the other gates are strengthened by barricades, and the army is proportionately increased. The corps of Zouaves has been raised from two battalions to four, each numbering 1200 men, making the total force 4800. It is contemplated to enrol a corps of English and Am-

ericans, in addition to the so-called Scotch company. The Roman Legion is to have a strength of 2500, the Foreign Carabiniers 2400, and the Dragoons 900. The command of the Glasgow Irishmen, at present only 50 in number, has been given to Captain Gordon. The provinces are organising a sort of landwehr, composed, chiefly of quondam brigands and Bourbonists. The Zouave recruits rendezvous at Civita Vecchia. This corps has excited such terror in the provinces that their appearance in a signal for families to abandon their homes and take refuge across the frontier.

COMPLIMENTARY NOTICES.

With the last number received the *Volunteer Review* commenced a new volume its second. This journal should be in the hands of every volunteer.—*Fergus Record*.

The "Volunteer Review" comes out in a new dress. It is entering the second year of publication, and supplies a want which has long been felt by the force.—*Carlton Place Herald*.

The "Volunteer Review," began its second volume with this number. The "Review" has won for itself a good reputation and has, we are happy to learn, met with deserved success. This is a good time to subscribe.—*Pictou New Nation*.

Many doubted at its inception the success of the "Volunteer Review," but under the management of Mr. George Moss, formerly of Stratford, it enters its second volume in a most healthy and thriving condition—an evidence that Mr. Moss's labors have been appreciated by the volunteers of the country.—*Stratford Beacon*.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—This excellent military and naval paper has just commenced a new volume, and we would heartily recommend it to our Volunteer force. The editor and publisher, Mr. George Moss, certainly deserves great praise for the able manner in which he has conducted it since its commencement. Just try it.—*Caledonia Sochem*.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—This valuable and interesting paper published at Ottawa by Mr. George Moss, formerly of Stratford, has just entered on its second year, and we are glad to learn by a circular forwarded to us that it has been a success in every particular. The *Review* is well written, well selected, and is a faithful exponent of the wants of the volunteers. We wish Mr. Moss continued success.—*Stratford Herald*.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—We hail the receipt of this valuable journal—devoted to the interests of the Volunteer Force of Canada—at the commencement of the second volume, clothed in a new dress. The improvement apparent in the issue of the "Review" gives satisfactory evidence of its flourishing condition. The "Review" should be in the hands of every member of the Volunteer Force, and we express the hope that the volunteer soldiery of the County of Welland will extend to it a liberal support. Captains of Company's in Welland and elsewhere should exert themselves to the end of a wide circulation for this excellent journal.—*Welland Telegraph*.

The "Volunteer Review," published at Ottawa by Mr. George Moss, is now entering upon its second volume, considerably improved in appearance and the character of its contents. It seems to us that every volunteer in the Dominion should be a subscriber to this excellent publication. We are glad to know that many in our local companies are patronizing this paper. We wish it success.—*Listowel Banner*.

VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—We beg to call attention to the advertisement of the "Volunteer Review," which appears in this issue. Great inducements are held out for the formation of Clubs, and large cash prizes offered. Now is the time to subscribe, as the second volume has just commenced. The "Review" contains a vast amount of military intelligence, and is a very interesting and popular journal; it ought to be in the hands of every volunteer and marksman in the Dominion.—*Hallon Herald*.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—This ably conducted Canadian military newspaper enters upon its 2nd volume in a new dress—a fact which proves the success which has attended its publication. Its future usefulness will be increased in many respects, and, as it is all that is necessary in its sphere, we hope it will receive the warm and undivided support of the volunteers of Canada.—*Cobourne Express*.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—We are pleased to learn that this publication is entering upon its second volume with most flattering prospects. The object it has in view, viz: to put before the authorities and the public the requirement of the Militia Force of the country, entitles it to the special support of the officers and men of the Force, and we hope its claim will be cheerfully and liberally acknowledged *Cobourg Star*.

VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—This paper has just completed its first Volume, and the success which has attended it speaks well for the military spirit of our country. The new Volume opens with improvement, and *The Review* to day is creditable not only to its publisher, but to the Service. We recommend the paper to all our Volunteers, and will be happy to exhibit specimens and take subscriptions at this office for it. *The Review* fills the place in the New Dominion that the *United Service Gazette* fills in England, and there can be no question about the requirement of such a print in Canada.—*Perth Standard*.

The "Volunteer Review" published in Ottawa, has entered upon its second year and seems to have established itself firmly, as the special organ of the Volunteers of Canada. We know of no more interesting journal than this, and certainly none exceeds it in usefulness, in these uncertain times. To advocate the interests of the Militia and Volunteer force of Canada, to inspire them with a spirit of patriotism, and raise by every possible means the standard of military education among the force, is the task of the "Volunteer Review" and it has well discharged it since it commenced, and promises still better for the future. There are some very clever writers connected with the Review, whose contributions on general literary subjects, make this Journal about the best we have.—*Niagara Mail*.